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Public safety is the top priority for Governor Schwarzenegger. Thanks to the leadership of the Governor and First Lady Maria Shriver, citizen preparedness and efforts to mobilize volunteers in case of a natural or man-made disaster recently took a huge step forward. On February 26th Governor Schwarzenegger created the first, cabinet-level position in the country devoted solely to volunteerism. At an event on the Cal State Northridge campus, the Governor signed an executive order promoting California Volunteers Director Karen Baker to Cabinet Secretary for Service and Volunteering.

OHS is a proud partner with Secretary Baker in moving this effort to the next level with a series of "Volunteer Disaster Summits" around the State. I've been fortunate to have joined Secretary Baker at many of these summits to foster improved disaster volunteer coordination in California. We've gone from San Diego and Riverside to Clovis and Sacramento, up to Redding and Crescent City. At each we're meeting with the local volunteer groups, first responders, and other emergency management agencies. The professional and personal connections being made at these events are amazing. The effort is already paying dividends in terms of current and future cooperation. The benefits in preventing, protecting, responding, and recovering from a natural or manmade disaster will be immense. It's why OHS continues to invest a portion of the State's 20% share of homeland security funds to support the disaster volunteer preparedness initiatives and programs of CaliforniaVolunteers. Last year, OHS devoted three million dollars last year to improve citizen preparedness. Again, my sincerest congratulations and thanks go to Secretary Baker in her new role and in helping coordinate this important task.

Another significant milestone occurred recently in OHS efforts to enhance information sharing. We recently signed the State Terrorism Threat Assessment System Concept of Operations, or CONOPS. It formalizes the structure for the roles and responsibilities of the state and the four local fusion centers.

And we'll soon be releasing the grant guidance with some new policy directions. Among them included in the State Supplement for FY '08 grants is a requirement that all subgrantees have a Terrorism Liason Officer (TLO). In addition, all subgrantees must demonstrate progress towards developing a Tactical, Interoperable Communications plan. Our grants division is always willing to assist in any grant-related issue.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to invite you to our upcoming OHS Annual Conference to be held May 28th-30th in Palm Desert. "Managing the Threats of Today and Tomorrow" is our

focus, with our goal to give you exposure to National and International experts in subject matter, training opportunities, a showcase for training partners and exhibitors, the latest in homeland security tools and technology, and to foster networking relationships. We'll look at emerging threats, protecting critical infrastructure, public-private collaboration, homeland security initiatives at the state and local level, and communication during a crisis. There will be plenty of interesting, informative, and insightful material for anyone involved in the field. We have more information elsewhere in the newsletter and on our website (www.ohs.ca.gov) on registration and other logistics. Again, I encourage you to check it out. It's going to be a great OHS Annual Conference and one you won't want to miss!



**Secretary Baker and Director
Bettenhausen at Irvine Summit**

Urban Area Non-Profits Receive Grant Training

The Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) serves the needs of eligible nonprofit organizations that are deemed at high risk of international terrorist attack and located within designated Urban Areas. For FY 2008, \$15,000,000 was allocated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to the UASI NSGP nationwide.

The Infrastructure Protection Grant Unit (IPGU) took over the responsibility for the grant early in 2008 and immediately started drafting a California State Supplement for the new fiscal year. Priority was also given to completing application packages and sending award letters to the FY 2007 nonprofits. By mid-February, focus shifted to preparing a workshop presentation and training materials to assist eligible nonprofits in applying for the grant.

During the week of March 10th the IPGU took the workshop on the road and held presentations and question and answer sessions in Sacramento, Berkeley, Los Angeles, and San Diego. The

workshops were a great success and by the end of the week over one hundred representatives from a wide array of nonprofits had benefited from the training.

Looking ahead, the IPGU will be hosting the FY 2008 NSGP Investment Justification Prioritization Conference on April 21-23.

During the conference, invited UASI representatives will rank each Investment Justification according to a set methodology. The IPGU will use these rankings for the statewide grant application that will be sent to the federal Department of Homeland Security by May 1, 2008.

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California Working to Support Operation Stonegarden

Since its inception in 2005 as a successful pilot program involving 14 Border States, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) has served as a mechanism to enhance law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the U.S. land borders. This program provides a funding mechanism making it possible to enlist state and local law enforcement support. California has participated in the program for the last two years.

This program provides California's law enforcement agencies, whose jurisdiction lies on the border with Mexico, the opportunity to work in partnership with CBP on an issue that directly impacts their communities. For FY2008, the DHS has allocated \$60 million to assist local authorities with operational costs and equipment purchases. This year, California's Imperial and San Diego Counties, as well as local agencies from multiple jurisdictions, the California

Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California National Guard (CNG), are working to coordinate their planning process with CBP in order to assist them in reducing violence and crime in our border communities.

In order to receive funding, OPSG grant applicants are required to work in coordination with the CBP in the development of an Operation Plan, addressing both federal and local issues and strategies, which will be reviewed by CBP and DHS for grant funding consideration. Unlike FY2007, the FY 2008 grant guidance developed by DHS requires that counties be the administrative agency for these grant dollars. This means that the counties will apply individually and competitively against one another, and will be the direct recipient of funds awarded. The State Office of Homeland Security (OHS) will provide guidance on the investment justification process and will serve as a conduit for the submission of grant applications.

OHS Announces Newly Approved Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Course

On February 26, 2008, OHS, in cooperation with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI), announced a new 24-hour "Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Course," recently approved by US-DHS Training and Education. The TLO course is a 24-hour course that is a condensed version of the 40-hour Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Course.

The core curriculum of this 3-day Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Course offers up-to-date, thorough, informative and practical application training that is designed to support the anticipated duties and responsibilities for the Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO). It addresses some of the problems uncovered after the attack of September 11, 2001 concerning the collection, sharing, and dissemination of information and intelligence to help prevent other such attacks.

Program course components include the Terrorist Threat, Forth Generation Warfare, International and Domestic Terrorism, Understanding Militant Islam, Intelligence and Operational Security, and Collecting Intelligence through Community Information Networking. The course also provides the TLO with information with regard to resources that will allow the TLO to maintain his/her expertise and knowledge with regard to terrorism and related issues.

This course is POST-certified and Continuing Professional Training (CPT) credit is granted upon successful completion of the course. For funding/authorization please utilize your organization's normal process. For additional course information, please contact: Senior Consultant Donald Lane at (916) 227-5562 or via email at Donald.Lane@post.ca.gov

OHS Takes Part in International Cyber-Security Exercise

California joined dozens of other states, private firms, and international partners in the latest cyber security exercise conducted in March by The Department of Homeland Security's National Cyber Security Division (NCSA). Known as "Cyber Storm II", the exercise culminated eighteen months of planning since the first Cyber Storm in 2006. Although California played only a minor role in the exercise itself, State technological and cyber security systems were included in Cyber Storm scenario's. OHS Chief of Staff Frank Calvillo travelled to Washington, D.C. to observe the exercise and represent the California Governor's Office of Homeland Security at U.S. Secret Service Headquarters.

The NCSA exercise tested cyber security for stakeholders as well as federal, state, local and international partners. International governments taking part included Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

Also taking part were a wide range of private sector stakeholders including companies such as Cisco, Microsoft, Telecom, Vodafone, TelestraClear and others. Communication and information technology firms were joined by other sectors of private industry including transportation and chemical companies. Information sharing and analysis companies rounded out the private participation.

Cyber Storm II focused on four major objectives. One consisted of examining the capabilities of the participating organizations

preparedness, protection and response to cyber attacks. The second dealt with strategic decision making as well as interagency coordination of incident response in accordance with national level policy and procedures. Third, Cyber Storm II focused on the validation of information sharing

relationships and communication paths for the collection and dissemination of cyber incident situational awareness, response and recovery of information. The fourth objective tested and examined the means and processes to share sensitive information across boundaries and sectors without compromising national security interests.

OHS's Calvillo says the exercise results will be useful. "OHS is looking forward California's Cyber Storm II after action report, currently being prepared by the

Office of Information Security and Privacy Protection, to see how we can work together to improve California's cyber defenses."

Cyber Storm II also attracted significant media attention. According to DHS figures, the exercise garnered more than 50 million media impressions, or an estimate of how many people heard or read something about the exercise, in outlets like ABC News, the Associated Press, and USA Today.



Cyber Storm control center in Washington, D.C.



OHS Invests in National Counter-Terrorism Academy

Representatives of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security took part in a news conference Monday, March 10th to roll out what is being called the nation's first National Counter-Terrorism Academy. OHS provided a significant part of the funding needed by the Los Angeles Police Department to begin operations.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa began by pointing out the city has been the target of terrorists and "there's no better place than Los Angeles to serve as the hub of the wheel for this effort." LAPD Chief William Bratton thanked OHS for providing \$500,000 of the initial one million dollars to begin operations. Chief Bratton addressed the large media contingent, which included a live broadcast by CNN, by saying this allows local law enforcement to be "first preventers" instead of just "first responders." He noted the federal government can't protect the entire country on its own.

"That's where local police come in. There are 700,000 of us in local cities."



Chief Bratton, Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilman Weiss and OHS's Alan and Quiambao announce the new LAPD Counter-Terrorism Academy.

OHS Deputy Director of Communications Jay Alan and Critical Infrastructure Assistant to the Director Frank Quiambao represented OHS at the event. Deputy Director Alan thanked the Mayor and Chief and reiterated Governor Schwarzenegger's and Director Bettenhausen's commitment to the priority of public safety and the need for continued collaboration and cooperation.

The curriculum for the five-month course is being developed with the help of the Manhattan Institute. The goal is to teach students how to recognize potential terror threats and build regional intelligence gathering and information

sharing.

The Academy is located at the LAPD's Ahmanson Training Center near Los Angeles International Airport.

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OHS Professional Profile: Joginder Dhillon, General Counsel



Joe Dhillon joined the Governor's Office of Homeland Security in June 2007 as the General Counsel. He provides legal advice to each of the OHS Divisions on issues arising from the organization's mission to prevent and prepare for terrorist attacks

against California. Legal issues arise in a wide range of contexts, including the implementation of the State Terrorism Threat Assessment System; development of policies to protect California's critical infrastructures and to secure the information necessary to identify and mitigate threats to privately owned and operated facilities; and, supporting the OHS Legislative Affairs Division by providing legal analysis of proposed bills to the Governor's Office. He serves as the liaison to the legal offices of local, State, Federal and non-governmental entities and provides legal support on personnel, ethics, conflict of interest, information disclosure, open meetings, procurement, and other matters common to State agencies.

Dhillon came to OHS with extensive experience in national and homeland security matters. He served as an Air Force officer for 20 years, culminating his career as the Legal Advisor to the North American Aerospace Defense Command/ U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He led efforts to draft the rules of engagement for the use of force against civilian aircraft after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and provided legal support which directly contributed to increased development and expanded use of cutting edge space and computer network technologies to support military operations. He also served as Deputy Chief, Military Personnel Branch, Air Force Litigation Division, in Washington, D.C. and as an Assistant Professor of Law at the U.S. Air Force Academy. His overseas assignments included Saudi Arabia, Panama and Germany.

More recently, he was the Director of Academic Support for Pacific McGeorge School of Law, a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton on homeland security issues and an Associate/Shareholder with Schuering, Zimmerman & Scully, LLP.

Dhillon is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and Harvard Law School. He is married to Niki Dhillon of Sacramento, CA. They have two sons, Aneil and Shaun.

New dates scheduled for the OHS Conference!

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"Managing the Threats of Today and Tomorrow"

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at the Desert Springs JW Marriott

Please check out our website
www.ohs.ca.gov for further details.

